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**Baker-Polito Administration Awards Town of Framingham A \$250,000 Green Community Grant**

**Framingham, MA** – On Tuesday, June 28, 2016 Secretary Matthew Beaton of the Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) awarded the Town of Framingham a \$250,000 Green Communities Grant to fund clean energy projects in Framingham. In total, 47 municipalities were awarded Green Community grants totaling \$9,580,467.

Under the Green Communities Act, cities and towns must meet five criteria to be designated a Green Community and receive funding. The grants provide financial support for energy efficiency and renewable energy projects that further the designated communities' clean energy goals.

The Town of Framingham was designated a Green Community in 2013 by the Department of Energy Resource (DOER). As a Green Community, Framingham is eligible to apply for grants and other alternative funding programs. Since designation as a Green Community in 2013, Framingham has leveraged Green Communities Grant funding to complete installation of high efficiency equipment and LED lighting at Town facilities. As a commitment to continued progress towards reduced carbon footprint as a Green Community we've also completed several other projects, including installation of LED streetlights throughout the community. Framingham anticipates utilizing the 2016 Green Communities Grant Funding to continue installing high efficiency equipment at locations including the Callahan Senior Center's and the Framingham Police Headquarters.

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